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## Editorial Comment

### HOLLIDAY LAKE

The Times-Virginian would like to recommend the local sportsmen who have called a meeting here for Friday night to seek the improvement of the fishing at Holliday Lake, and the quickened development of the recreational area.

Holliday Lake should be the best recreational area in all Central Virginia. But far only a tiny area has been developed at one end of the 1500-acre lake. The time is ripe to press for further development. Untold thousands of fish have been put in the lake, yet the fishing is disappointing. Local sportsmen feel they know the answer, and will direct no preachire to get the improvement needed.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

### EXTRAVAGANCE AND WORSE

From Winchester Star

United States Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren has given the Senate War Investigating Committee some plain talk recently which should result in legislative action even though it cannot be considered somewhat in the nature of locking the stable door after the horse has disappeared.

Mr. Warren testified about war profits and about government officials who accepted entertainment, including cocktail parties, hotel bills and even traveling expenses from contractors while at the same time drawing travel expenses and allowances from the government.

The Comptroller General said that legislation liberalizing government contract prices during the war had greatly weakened the power of the General Accounting office to prevent extravagance or the misuse of public funds.

"Cost plus procurement", he said, "is the greatest device ever invented for pumping out the Treasury. It has looked as if everybody and his brother was out to get the government during the last war years."

Such testimony from such an important fiscal official as the Comptroller General calls for remedial action. War is necessarily wasteful, but it is necessarily an invitation to throw money away.

And while they're at it, legislators might give some attention to strengthening defenses against spendthrift tendencies in time of peace.

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Martinsville with territory to be annexed next month will be Virginia's fifth city in area.

### PEACE AND HARD WORDS

From New York Times

When Mr. Molotov walks out of the Paris conference in order to avoid listening to the remarks of Mr. Bidaltaris, when Russia and her satellites engage in what Washington would call a filibuster, when Mr. Byrnes and Mr. Molotov impugn each other's morality and veracity the sessions become a sad caricature of the long-hoped - for "parliament of mankind." Yet there have been occasions when our own Senators and Representatives ra gd almost as bitter a contest. These rude public arguments are not peaceful, yet they can be made a means for peace. Even Mr. Molotov, who is certainly no fanatical believer in free discussion, feels it necessity to present his case to the non-Communist world. This seems to imply that he knows that power and authority are not everything. In Russia it may not be necessary to persuade dissenters by the use of language. Outside of Russian-controlled areas, Mr. Molotov must have decided, an appeal to some sort of reason must be made.

A parliament, such as in a sense the Paris conference is, is an arena for tests of strength. It is a substitute for war. This conference is nominally trying o make treties with five former enemy states. Actually it is trying to determine the boundaries, not of those states but between two widely divergent ways of living and thinking. If people were left to make their own choices these boundaries might shade into each other, as racial boundaries do. But on one side of the existing line lack of free choice is part of the prevailing system. Hence the conflict is sharper.

We who believe in free choice have no desire to extend its area by force of arms. We believe that in such cases force defeats itself. But we do hold that the area of free choice must not be further encroached upon. This certainly is a policy the American people will accept, and no doubt Britain an most of western Europe. The lands where free choice prevails would of course, defend themselves if attacked by military force. The reports of persisting radioactivity in Bikini Lagoon and of radioactive dust drifting around the world may seem to dull the mind us how ghastly even a successful defense would be. Therefore we seek another kind of defense, and aim to keep our war of ideas from developing into something more dreadful and less conclusive. We hope this more than anything else in the world, in full sympathy with the war-tortured masses of the Russian people, however much we may differ with their government.

We may believe that the Russian system would be greatly modified if Russia were open to the free circulation of men and ideas that normally exists in the United States and most of western Europe. There must always be some antagonism between countries in which there is such circulation and countries in which there is not. To that extent the free countries tend to form a school and so do the countries that by our standards are therefore. But the decision lies in men's minds. An appeal to arms would not only be an insane and tragic act. It would settle nothing. We have to hope that this truth will penetrate the iron curtain. If it does we shall have peace — perhaps a peace of, continued armament and hard words, but still peace.

### THE HUMAN HEART

From Pittsylvania Star

If the average citizen should think about his heart as often as he does his eyes or hair, he would be a lot healthier. This is stated by a heart expert. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in this country.

The heart beats 100,000 times, pumps 2,000 gallons of blood, according to the doctors, every day. Yet we are all inclined to give under attack from this vital organ. Next time you feel your heart is the most important organ in your body, remember these numerous facts of life. Then, if you feel a few pains, if you haven't taken a restful vacation this summer, just pack up your old tin lunch bag and take a vacation. Although you may not work a week or two in 1946 that you could have otherwise worked in, you'll probably work longer in the end if you take a vacation occasionally.

### "SOUND" HAS A BIRTHDAY

From Winchester Star

When the first sound picture reached the public 20 years ago in a New York theater — the film was Warner Brothers' "Don Juan," with John Barrymore taking second place in the billing to what the producers called Vitaphone. It met a mixed reception, it was not universally recognized as the harbinger of a revolution.

There were doubters and detractors. Some of those who saw and heard it that first night characterized it as an interesting novelty and let it go at that. Others predicted that sound would have its place in movie-making, but a limited one. There were a few who, like Ethel Barrymore and Charlie Chaplin, set out to fight it as a menace to the silent screen.

But the public was ready to accept the innovation and to support the pioneers responsible for it. With the advent of "The Jazz Singer," a corny opus starring Al Jolson a year later, the battle was quickly won. Today the silent movie is only a memory. Indeed, the whole generation has grown up without knowing, and without caring, what pre-1926 films were like.

It can be maintained that sound and dialogue have not been an unmixed blessing to the motion picture as an art form. No doubt it is true that in many cases directors have found it easier to use music and the spoken word to get an effect, than to get at the emotions of the audience through the eye. After all, the necessity to rely exclusively on the visual no longer exists.

But if there has been some loss, there has been great gain. The talking picture is capable of a wider range than the silent was. It can do some things not possible on the legitimate stage, and no one can question its right to the higher place it has won in the field of entertainment. It is still young. After only 20 years, its future still lies before it.

### "AMBASSADOR" EISENHOWER

From Roanoke World News

General Eisenhower's visit to Brazil is a frank promotion of South American friendship as well as an official call. Brazil is the only nation below the isthmus which backed up its declaration of war on the Axis by sending troops to Europe. Its army units fought with distinction on the Italian front under Eisenhower's over-all command and its few air squadrons acquitted themselves unusually well. Brazil long has wanted to show the general its appreciation for the treatment he accorded them.

Our State Department does not hesitate to recognize that Brazil is regarded as our best and firmest friend down South and hopes through mutual understanding to spread the feeling to other States. Since the Braden policies backfired in Argentina, we have lost considerable of the good will created by Roosevelt's Good Neighbor policy. Ferez used mentioning and if there is any one man who can help do the job it is the smiling openly genial and ecrulemanly Eisenhower.

Phone 30 with Personals.

Virginia colleges are ready for football practice in September.

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### WELL EARNED REST

I live a summer twilight after a long hard day in the fields when I can sit and watch the mountains in the distance turn a deeper blue as the daylight fades. I can look down the long straight rows in the freshly plowed fields. The stars come out one by one. The moon rises from behind the distant woods.

A farmer has to toil and struggle to make ends meet and joys and sorrows are strangely mixed in his life, but the peace of rest is one of his greatest satisfactions. — A letter in The Progressive Farmer.

Industry is promised full help by head of the OPA.

Navy flier is killed in a 6,000 foot fall from plane hatch.

There has not been a bank failure in the United States during the past 27 months.

Claim strange new rockets being fired over Sweden.

Aged Philadelphia woman routes from house.

London area is darkened by gas strike.

Drive is organized to send scattered Poles back to Poland.

Jews to demand export trade for federalized Palestine.

Queen Elizabeth injured in fall

### THAT'S TOLERANCE

"To be able to see things from another's viewpoint—to let people be happy in their own way—to refrain from bias and bigotry with regard to the other fellow's religious belief—to listen to opposite political or social viewpoints without trying to convert the other fellow to your way of thinking—to realize that none of us is perfect and that you, too, have many personal faults and even effective habits—to concede a fair and impartial trial to a criminal or an enemy— that's tolerance." —The Webster Republican, Webster Springs, W. Va.

### BREAD AND BUTTER

The business of not having any bread is not as bad as it way expected to be. At least there's one improvement, we no longer miss missing the butter that was missing when bread wasn't. —Jacksonville Times-Union.

47 hurt in fall from balcony in Madrid, Spain.

Russia says U. S. and Britain profiting in Italian oil.

Cooler weather felt over weekend in most of U. S.

Added patrolmen on guard in Athens.

Republicans claim high hope of political victory in 1948.

Many war plants have been retooled and are now in full peacetime production.

Virginia postmasters to hove annual convention in Lawrenceville.

Baker's strike cuts bread supply in Philadelphia.

Brooklyn and St. Louis wage a fight for lead in the national league.

Another increase of 7.2 per cent is allowed to automobile dealers on price of cars, making them cost customer from $69 up more.

Schools will open next month. It is a good idea to have a doctor give your child a pre-school physical examination.

It is generally believed that the Democrats of New York State will nominate Senator Mead to oppose Thomas E. Dewey for Governor.

Government works on method of paying enlisted men's leave pay.

### HOW TO KEEP MONEY SAFELY

From Eastern Shore News

It is a dangerous habit to keep large sums of money around the house, in tin cans or paper bags.

There was a time in the history of this country when some excuse was available for such a practice. Nowadays, with bank deposit insurance, the smart individual will put his money into some well-run bank, or, if he prefers in the Postal Savings Department.

We call attention to this matter because a farmer in a neighboring state, recently lost a large sum of money which he had saved up to pay for his farm. The money was kept in a bag at his home. He took the bag, money and all, and started to town, but, somewhere along the route, he lost the cash.

Of course, every person has the right to keep his, or her money wherever he pleases. However, the safest place is in an institution designed for the purpose of accepting money deposits.

### LIVESTOCK HEALTH ODDITIES

### Uncle Sam Says

You are still in war mood even after V-J Day. That's putting it plainly but I know from experience that you like straight from-the-shoulder talk. Inflation at home is not to be surrendered. United States Savings Bonds are still War Bonds. On the battle for America's economic stabilization depends. Every dollar's worth of Savings Bonds you buy is investing in security for America and a better life for you personally.



## Rocks News

Rocks, August 13— Much interest was shown in the election here on Tuesday.

Farmers are busy cutting lespedeza hay. The ladies were also busy canning peaches last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore and daughter, Betty, of Montgomery, W. Va. arrived Tuesday afternoon to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson, of Pamplin.

Mrs. Amos Kress spent last Sunday in Lynchburg with her daughter, Hazel, who is improving in the home of Mrs. E. M. Almond.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson Tuesday. On Wednesday they were supper guests of Mrs. W. H. Ranson and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson.

James R. Taylor and his sister, Amaleen, of Honaker, W. Va. to spend last week with him.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were supper guests of A. A. Baldwin and Cassie Thursday. On Friday they were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ranson.

A very fine meeting was held at Rocks last week. Eight joined the church.

Quite a number from Rocks attended the Baptismal service Sunday at Liberty Church in the afternoon.

Mrs. Kate Dinkins spent Monday night with Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Anderson arrived here from Delaware Friday morning. On Saturday morning Mr. Anderson took Mrs. Anderson to Lynchburg to visit her sister, Mrs. Blias Ranson. He left for Delaware the same day.

Mrs. J. A. Garrett spent a day last week with Mrs. D. R. Inge.

T. N. Ransone, of Pamplin and Mgs. Dora Meadows, of Roanoke, attended Sunday School at Rocks Sunday.

M. W. Eisemon, of Galts Mill, spent last Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. C. S. Ranson.

Mrs. C. W. Baldwin and children, Peggy and Charles made a business trip to Appomattox Saturday morning.

Charlene Ragon celebrated her 5th birthday last week.

David and Barbara Jeanne Almond have the whooping cough.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Almond, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickerson went to Farmville Friday.

Three oppose Portugal's bid for UNO membership.

H. G. Wells, famed novelist and historian dies at age of 79.

Swedish flyers perish when their plane collides with rocker.


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## Hixburg

Hixburg, August 13.- Mr. Lawson Pankey, of Pamplin, a ministerial student, Richmond University, preached at Mathews Church Sunday. He filled the pulpit while the pastor, Rev. J. S. Moore, is away on vacation.

John Wilson and William Hix spent the week-end in Richmond, visiting Mrs. Edith Hix.

Mr. Ernest Carson was out at church Sunday. We were very glad to see him.

Mrs. Carson was taken to Lynchburg last week to see her doctor. We are thankful to know that she is improving.

We are glad to say that Mrs. Drinkard is better. She is still living with us. We have missed meeting with those dear people, and do hope it will not be long ere they are back with us.

Mrs. N. S. Topping was taken to Southside Hospital last Monday, and was operated on for appendicitis. She has gotten on nicely and was expected to leave the hospital today.

Heywood Hix is attending a conference at Holliday Lake this week.

Henry McPhillips, another Hixburg boy, attended a 4-H Club meeting at the lake week before last. These meetings are fine opportunities for the boys.

Mrs. Lena Brooks is visiting friends in Richmond and other places. She is coming back to see Mrs. J. R. Marshall again before returning to Columbia.

Miss Carrie Fix and Mrs. E. W. Gilliam were business visitors in Farmville Saturday.

Mrs. E. W. Gilliam was a visitor in J. R. Marshall's home Saturday evening.

Byrnes reveals 79 employees of State Department fired.

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## Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Aug. 13.- Emma Isabelle Johnston, who has been in Stuart Circle Hospital School of Nursing the past three years, will graduate this Thursday night. She is a graduate of the Appomattox High School and of Ferrum Junior College. She also received a bachelor of science degree last June 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Smoak, nee Leta Johnston, of Washington, D. C. visited relatives in Spout Spring, and Lynchburg this week-end.

Bread lines form in Philadelphia due to baker's strike.

Shadow of inflation hangs over hope for prosperity.

Canning sugar still scarce.

Lynchburg Democrats call meeting August 26 to name delegates to state party convention.

Population of Lynchburg is now estimated at 50,000.

Wake Forest and U. of South Carolina first Southern Conference teams to start football practice.

Schools open next month.

Renew subscriptions promptly.

## Richwood

Richwood, August 14.- Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fleshman and sons spent Sunday with her father, J. H. Ranson.

Mrs. Mary McDaniel spent last Thursday night and Friday with Mrs. D. A. Pugh. Mrs. Anna Cardell visited in the same home Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. rugh and daughter, Mrs. Jack Hamilton spent Sunday in Altavista with Mr. and Mrs. W. Marsh.

D. A. Pugh and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Hillsman on Sunday evening.

Mr. G. P. Brannan was dinner guest of Mr. T. T. Wooldridge on Sunday.

Capt. Nollie Lewis visited his father, J. L. Lewis this week-end.

We are glad to report that Mr. C. C. Harvey has returned home. He was a patient at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Richmond. He is home with his daughter, Mrs. Robert Welburn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blackwell and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blackwell, Jr. visited Mrs. Blackwell's brother, Hurbon Fleshman, in Blue Ridge Sunday.

Mr. Mason is spending sometime reported to be much better.


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